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APPARATUS AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM USING SAME COMMUNICATIONS APPARATUS

## REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 15, 2004, as well as the Advisory Action of November 2, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes: Amendments to the claims beginning on page 2, and Remarks beginning on page 11 of this paper.